GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:311
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2016
Cooks for Mid Day Meals Scheme
Joshi Shri Pralhad Venkatesh

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of cooks and other workers for the Mid Day Meal Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to include workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act as cooks and other workers under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SH.PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 311 for 08.08.2016 raised by Shri Pralhad Joshi regarding Cooks for Mid Day Meal Scheme.

(a): The Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is implemented in partnership with States/UTs. The overall responsibility for providing cooked and nutritious mid day meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations in accordance with the Guidelines laid down by the Central Government. Mid Day Meal Guidelines envisage engagement of one cook-cum-helper in a school with up to 25 students, two cookscum-helpers in a school with 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of up to 100 students. The cook-cum-helpers are engaged by respective States/UTs. The States/UTs have reported that they have engaged 25.53 lakhs cook-cumhelpers.
(b): No, Madam.
(c): Does not arise.
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